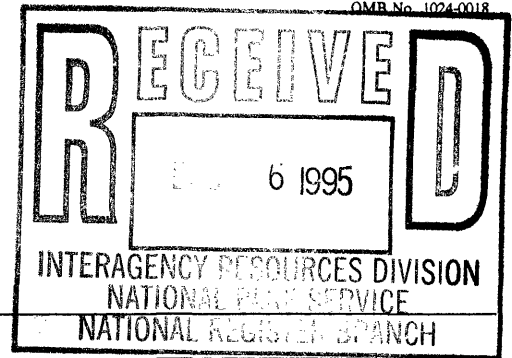


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM



1. Name of Property

historic name: Many Glacier Campground Camptender's Cabin

other name/site number: N/A

2. Location

street & number: N/A

not for publication: n/a
vicinity: Many Glacier; Glacier National Park (GLAC)

city/town: St. Mary

state: Montana code: MT county: Glacier code: 35 zip code: 59417

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1988, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 38 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)


Signature of certifying official/Title

12.5.95
Date

National Park Service
State or Federal agency or bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.


Signature of commenting or other official

Date

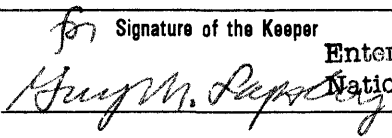
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Montana State Historic Preservation Office
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- ☒ entered in the National Register
 see continuation sheet
- determined eligible for the National Register
 see continuation sheet
- determined not eligible for the National Register
 see continuation sheet
- removed from the National Register
 see continuation sheet
- other (explain)


Signature of the Keeper

Entered in the
National Register

Date of Action

1/19/96

5. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-Federal Category of Property: Building Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A Name of related multiple property listing: Glacier National Park Multiple Property Listing	Number of Resources within Property		
	Contributing	Noncontributing	
	<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	building(s)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
	<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	Total

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:
Government; Domestic/institutional housing

Current Function:
Same

7. Description

Architectural Classification:
Rustic

Materials:

foundation: concrete pier
walls: vertical plank; exposed-log framing system
roof: wood shingle
other: stone stoop

Narrative Description

The Many Glacier Campground is located approximately two miles west of the opulent Many Glacier Hotel and immediately south of the Swiftcurrent Auto Camp, forming the least expensive tier in the area's hierarchy of visitor services. The camptender's cabin is centrally located within the campground, amidst heavy timber.

This is a single-story rectangular building constructed of an exposed-log framing system with vertical-plank siding. The building rests on a concrete-pier foundation and is covered by a log-frame side-gable roof surfaced with wood shingles. Pole purlins and rafters are exposed and the roof features a cut- and coursed-stone chimney extending from the gable ridge. Each gable end contains a louvered-wood vent.

A two-step stoop of coursed, cut stone provides access to the vertical-plank door offset within the front (north) elevation. The door is secured with interior cross braces and is paired with a modern one-light screen door, painted white. Windows are six- or four-light wood-frame, casement, arranged in groups of two or three. (The front (north) elevation features a ribbon of three six-light windows; the rear (south) elevation features a ribbon of three four-light windows. The west (end) elevation is dominated by a centered pair of six-light windows. The east (end) elevation features a centered pair of four-light windows.) The doors and windows are "trimmed" with the exposed log framing members.

The residence contains a bedroom, kitchen, living room, and bathroom. Bedroom and living room floors are finished with 4" fir planks. The kitchen and bath floors are finished with rolled vinyl in a vintage pattern. All walls and ceilings are finished with vertical planks/3" battens (painted in the kitchen and bath). The original wall-mounted cupboards, vertical-plank interior doors, 5" window and door surrounds, and historic porcelain single-trough kitchen sink remain. The countertops, light fixtures, and all bathroom fixtures are modern. A pot-bellied stove, with brick chimney, provides heat.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

Applicable National Register Criteria: A; C

Areas of Significance: Government; Entertainment/Recreation; Architecture

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Period(s) of Significance: ca. 1934-1945

Significant Person(s): N/A

Significant Dates: N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: National Park Service

Narrative Statement of Significance

This small cabin is significant at the local level for its association with a significant trend in park visitation patterns: the increase of middle-class automobile tourists and NPS development of infrastructure appropriate to this new clientele. The building, with its exposed-log framing system, also exemplifies NPS rustic architecture. It is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places with significance in history and architecture (criteria A and C). The cabin is a component of the Minor Developed Areas property type, as defined in the Glacier National Park Multiple Property Listing.

The increase in auto camping in Glacier National Park during the 1920s and 1930s encouraged the NPS to expend more money and effort toward the improvement of park campgrounds. By the early 1930s, early camping sites, haphazardly developed, had been superseded by newly designed major campgrounds at sites such as Sprague Creek, Many Glacier, Roes Creek (Rising Sun), Two Medicine, and Avalanche. Plans were laid to provide substantial support services for users of each of these facilities, including service stations, soda fountains, and campstores. An increased NPS presence was also warranted: campgrounds were assigned seasonal "camptenders" who performed custodial duties and provided assistance to visitors.

At several campgrounds, small residences for the camptenders were constructed during the 1930s. Most were built of lumber with exposed log framing, matching the camp's comfort stations. The Many Glacier Campground caretaker's cabin is believed to have been built ca. 1934: the 1933 Many Glacier Development Plan (part of the park Master Plan) notes that "a camptenders cabin is needed at the new campground location, or at a point between the picnic and campground areas" (USDI 1933: sheet 25). While HRA was unable to locate a dated drawing for the cabin, its architectural style is one frequently utilized in the park in the 1930s. Park personnel reported that development of Many Glacier Campground facilities was a response to "the expansion of the 'Automobile Tourist Patron' which [sic] prefers the campground to the Hotel The National Park Service is keeping abreast of the times by providing the proper facilities for taking care of this rapidly increasing newer type of Tourist Trade" (anonymous 1933:1).

9. Major Bibliographic References

Anonymous, "GNP Comfort Station at Many Glacier, Final Cost Report," ca. 1933. Ruhle Library and Archives, West Glacier, MT.

U.S. Department of the Interior, Branch of Plans and Designs. *Master Plan for Glacier National Park*. Washington, D.C: U.S. Department of the Interior, Branch of Plans and Designs, 1933. Available at the Technical Information Center (TIC), NPS, Denver, CO.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
☐ previously listed in the National Register
☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

☒ State Historic Preservation Office
☐ Other State agency
☐ Federal agency
☐ Local government
☐ University
☐ Other -- Specify Repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: less than one acre

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing
	A 12	303420	5408120

Verbal Boundary Description

Boundaries encompass only the building and its immediate, wooded surroundings, comprising an area approximately 40' x 40' centered on the building.

Boundary Justification

These arbitrary boundaries do not encompass the area of historic association -- the Many Glacier Campground -- and may be expanded once an historic context for campgrounds has been developed and the campground is evaluated.

11. Form Prepared By

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Property Owner

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7. Narrative Description, cont.

The building is unmodified and its setting unimpaired by modern development. The interior floorplan and dominant design details -- the vertical plank wall and ceiling finishes and wide window and door trim -- remain unaltered. The interior contributes to the building's significance.

Photographs.

The following information applies to all photographs listed below:

- 1) Photographer: Nancy Niedernhofer
- 2) Date of
Photographs: September 1992
- 3) Location of
Negatives: National Park Service, RMR-RC, Denver, CO

PHOTO NUMBER	DIRECTION OF VIEW
1	View to South
2	View to North
3	Interior

Additional Documentation

The following site plans can be found at the Denver Service Center's Technical Information Center, Denver, Colorado.